Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

9.   (Currently amended)   A method of sealing a hard shell capsule, wherein the capsule is made of a pharmaceutically acceptable material having coaxial body parts which overlap when telescopically joined, the method comprising the steps of: using a sealing clamp to hold[[ing]] the capsule in a precise and upright position, wherein the sealing clamp has at least two parts; to inject[[ing]] a quantity of sealing fluid in the overlap of the joined body parts; and to release[[ing]] the capsule.

10.   (Previously presented)   The method of claim 9, wherein an excess of sealing fluid is removed from the outside of the capsule.

11.   (Currently amended)   The method of claim 10, wherein the excess of sealing fluid is removed from [[a]] the sealing clamp holding the capsule in the upright position.

12.   (Currently amended)   The method of claim 9, wherein an excess of sealing fluid is removed from [[a]] the sealing clamp holding the capsule in the upright position.

13.   (Currently amended)   An apparatus for sealing a hard shell capsule having coaxial body parts which overlap when telescopically joined, the apparatus comprising: a sealing clamp to hold the capsule in an upright position; and means to inject a sealing fluid in the overlap of the body parts, wherein the capsule is made of a pharmaceutically acceptable material.

14.   (Previously presented)   The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the means to inject the sealing fluid are injection ports in the sealing clamp.

15.   (Previously presented)   The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the sealing clamp comprises liquid recovery grooves.

16.   (Previously presented)   The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the sealing clamp comprises an airing and a suction port.

17.   (Currently amended)   The apparatus of claim [[12]] 13, wherein the sealing clamp has a liquid injection groove.